

HOUSE FILE _____
BY WILLEMS

A BILL FOR

1 An Act allowing the use of a leashed dog to retrieve a wounded
2 deer and providing a penalty.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 481A.56A Retrieval of wounded deer
2 by leashed dogs.

3 A person having a valid hunting license and a valid deer
4 hunting license who has wounded a deer while hunting may use
5 a dog to locate and retrieve the wounded animal. The hunter
6 or any person in the company of the hunter shall not possess
7 a firearm or bow while using a dog in this manner and shall
8 have the dog leashed and under control at all times during
9 the search. A person shall obtain permission from the owner
10 or tenant of private property before using a dog to locate a
11 wounded deer on the private property. The commission shall
12 adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to implement this section.

13 Sec. 2. Section 805.8B, subsection 3, paragraph c, Code
14 2011, is amended to read as follows:

15 c. For violations of sections 481A.6, 481A.21, 481A.22,
16 481A.26, 481A.50, 481A.56, 481A.56A, 481A.60 through 481A.62,
17 481A.83, 481A.84, 481A.92, 481A.123, 481A.145, subsection 3,
18 sections 483A.7, 483A.8, 483A.23, 483A.24, and 483A.28, the
19 scheduled fine is twenty-five dollars.

20 **EXPLANATION**

21 This bill creates new Code section 481A.56A to allow a
22 hunter with a valid hunting license and deer hunting license
23 who wounds a deer while hunting to use a dog to locate and
24 retrieve the wounded animal. The hunter or any person in the
25 company of the hunter shall not possess a firearm or bow while
26 using a dog in this manner and shall have the dog leashed and
27 under control at all times during the search. A person must
28 obtain permission from the owner or tenant before using a dog
29 to locate a wounded deer on private property. The natural
30 resource commission shall adopt rules pursuant to Code chapter
31 17A to implement this provision.

32 A violation of the new provision is punishable by a scheduled
33 fine of \$25.